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**News Summary: Former Executive Director of OIC Sentenced in Federal Court  
Former Chief Financial Officer of OIC Indicted**

United States Attorney Steven M. Biskupic announced today that Carl A. Gee, (DOB: 3/8/54) the former executive director of the Opportunities Industrial Center of Greater Milwaukee (OIC) was sentenced today in federal Court. Chief District Judge Rudolph T. Randa sentenced Gee to 2 years in prison for conspiring to provide kickbacks and other improper payments to then-state senator Gary R. George. Gee was also ordered to pay \$473,415.00 in restitution.

After a jury trial last August, Gee was found guilty in proving Gary George with hundreds of thousands of dollars in a kickback scheme which involved legal fees paid by the Opportunities Industrial Center of Greater Milwaukee.

Also today, Cordelia I. Ekwueme (DOB: 7/31/57), the former Chief Financial Officer of OIC was indicted by a federal grand jury in a one-count indictment charging her with transferring fraudulently obtained cell phones to Nigeria.

Court documents alleged that around December 22, 2004, agents of the Department of Homeland Security, Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement intercepted three large packages at the Hartford, Connecticut airport. Investigation by the agents revealed that the packages contained cell phones purchased by OIC.

Based on the charges, Ekwueme faces up to 10 years in prison and fines totaling \$250,000.

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement and is being prosecuted by United States Attorney Steven M. Biskupic and Assistant United States Attorney Gregory J. Haanstad.

The public is cautioned that an indictment is the formal method of issuing charges and does not, in and of itself, create an inference of guilt. An individual is presumed innocent until such time if ever, as the government established his or her guilty by competent evidence beyond a reasonable doubt.

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